

# **GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE:**

### **\*INTROIT: HYMN # 559 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing - verse 1**

Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of endless praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unfailing love.

## **\*WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.  
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

## **REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV #21: Open Our Hearts**

Open our hearts, open our minds.  
Open our lives to you O loving God.  
Open our hearts.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

May this be a day of hope,  
**of expectation,**  
**of relishing each moment as a gift from you.**  
May this be a day of freedom,  
**of breaking free,**  
**of loosening the chains that still surround us.**  
May this be a day of peace,  
**of wholeness,**  
**of knowing that our lives are in your hands.**  
May this be a day of joy,  
**of blessing,**  
**of living in your kingdom as a child of God.**

### **\*PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**Generous God, for all that sustains us;**  
**air to breathe, warmth and light,**

food to eat, water to drink,  
we offer our thanks and praise.  
For spiritual gifts that bind us together;  
one people, one body  
empowered for service  
we offer our hands and voices.  
For the Good News of the Gospel;  
healing and wholeness  
freedom and justice  
we offer our hearts in service. Amen

**\*HYMN # 708: My Lord, What a Morning**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Merciful God,  
you made us in your image,  
with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.  
But our knowledge is imperfect,  
our love inconstant,  
our obedience incomplete.  
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.  
In your tender love, forgive. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,  
God knows us better than we know ourselves,  
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.  
By God's mercy, we are forgiven;  
by God's mercy, we are made whole;  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**\*HYMN # 766: As the Deer Pants for the Water** (*SEE INSERT*)

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN: #542: We Give You But Your Own**

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

**GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:**

**Holy God,**  
**You speak to us in many ways,**  
**through rushing wind or still small voice,**  
**in Scripture's Word and through your Grace.**  
**Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,**  
**recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **2 Corinthians 4:7 – 9, 13 - 18**  
**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.**

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**SCRIPTURE READING**                      **Mark 2:23 – 3:6**  
**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** Here I Am Lord *by Dan Schutte*

**Sermon:**

**\*HYMN # 842: Unto the Hills**

**GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN # 288: Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE**

**Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,**  
**We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your**  
**people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your**  
**guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours,**  
**so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out**  
**your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our**  
**church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us.**  
**Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,**  
**giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you**  
**call us to do. Amen.**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION # 422: God Be With You**

God Be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you.  
With a shepherd's care enfold you.  
God be with you till we again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

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